

CHAPTER 180

(Senate Bill 1011)

AN ACT concerning

Hospital Inpatient Care for Indigents -
Local Contributions

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that each county and Baltimore City pay a certain share of the costs of the hospital care of indigent and medically indigent persons in the respective political subdivisions; and repealing other provisions relating to these payments.

BY repealing

Article 43 - Health
Section 42A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

[42A.

(a) Each county and Baltimore City during the fiscal year 1971 and each year thereafter shall place on deposit with the State Department of Health, funds equal to 20% of the costs for the hospital care of indigent and medically indigent persons in the respective political subdivisions, to permit the State Department of Health to pay 100% of current costs for the hospital care of those persons, provided that for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1974, and for each fiscal year thereafter the maximum amount of payment by any county or Baltimore City shall not exceed one half of the amount of payment actually paid for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1973. The amount to be placed on deposit with the State Department of Health for each fiscal year will be that amount specified for the respective political subdivisions in estimates to be furnished to the political subdivisions by the State Department of Health during the month of December immediately preceding the beginning of the fiscal year concerned. Those estimates will be based on the same considerations as those which are incorporated in the calculations in the Governor's recommended budget. Following the close of the fiscal year for which the deposit is made, the State Department of Health shall make a final calculation of the exact amount